recognised for enrolment as medical practitioner in the country in which the institutions awarding the same is situated.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The guidelines prescribed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India are for the MCI to follow while granting registration to Indian students with foreign primary medical qualifications. The private medical colleges are not concerned with grant of registration to doctors.

Leakage of Medical papers

†2245. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of leakage of medical papers occurred during the last five years;

(b) the details of the persons arrested in each case and the punishment awarded to them; and

(c) the concrete step taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) On the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi are conducting All India Entrance Examinations on behalf of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to 15% seats of MBBS/BDS and 25% seats of MD/MS/MDS/PG Diploma courses in the Government Medical/Dental Colleges of States/Union Territories (except the States of Andhra Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir). As per available information, there has been no leakage of question papers for entrance examinations to these seats conducted by CBSE and AIIMS. However, prior to entrance examination for MD/MS/MDS/PG Diploma course for 2002 scheduled for 6.1.2002, there were some anonymous complaints. The

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

AIIMS lodged a complaint with Delhi Police who laid a trap and on 5.1.2002, arrested four persons who were promising guaranteed admission for consideration for an amount of Rs. 10 lakhs and above. After the examination was conducted, some more complaints regarding leakage have been received. In order to arrive at the truth, the matter has been referred to C.B.I. for investigation.

(c) The CBSE and AIIMS are already taking all possible safeguards to the safety of the question papers.

Casualties due to over dose of Vitamin A in Assam

2246. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several children died of taking UNICEF supplied Vitamin 'A' in Assam last year;

(b) the findings by the investigating doctors team sent by his Ministry; and

(c) why nobody has been brought to book till today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Information made available by the State Government of Assam and also gathered by the team deputed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare indicates that the deaths of children in Assam were not directly related to Vitamin A administration. Most of the deaths were found to be attributable to pre-existing causes and in some cases the children who died did not received Vitamin A solution. The team of officers deputed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare reported that during the campaign, UNICEF had replaced the two mili-litre spoons usually supplied with the Vitamin A solution with 5 mili-litre cups, due to which some children might have received excess dose of Vitamin A, resulting in symptoms of toxicity. The analysis of Samples of Vitamin A lifted by the team indicated that they were of standard quality.